

Greetings!

As a former member of the broadcasting industry, I can say with some credibility that satellite radio has changed for the better the way I listen to radio. I cannot tell you of the benefit of the coverage, variety and informational benefits which stream into my car, my home and my office. The traffic and weather station for the Washington DC area are invaluable companions when my 22 mile daily commute becomes challenging, allowing me to contact my office of any delays. Broadcast channels have become so cluttered with commercials and the choices so limited that it no longer serves my interest and needs. Indeed, the technical quality of the satellite radio system makes it the technology of choice over both AM and FM broadcasts. Gone are fades, cross-channel interference which plague broadcast services. Having reliable access to these traffic and weather services in addition to the entertainment is essential to my needs as a commuter. I get the information I need when I need it -- not when the broadcasters think I need it.

While over-the-air services are free, they really aren't. You pay with your time during commercials waiting for that traffic report you need or the next song you want. With satellite radio, I pay for and receive the choice to decide for myself. It is a great value. I believe that as a subscriber, it should be me and others like me -- the marketplace which decides which services succeed and which fail -- not the Federal Communications Commission.

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160 and fully support satellite radio, particularly XM Radio's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand in a subscription service.

If the broadcasters can't compete as they do business now, perhaps they should reevaluate their business models instead of litigating.

Respectfully,

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